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## The Impossible.

Man cannot draw water from an empty well.  
 Or trace the stories that gossip tell.  
 Or gather the sounds of a pealing bell.

Man can never stop the billow's roar,  
 Nor chain the winds till they blow no more.  
 Nor drive true love from a maiden's door.

Man cannot retake a fleeting life,  
 Change his wheat to a field of rye,  
 Or call back years that have long gone by.

Man cannot a cruel word recall,  
 Fetter a thought, be it great or small,  
 Or honey extract from a drop of gall.

Man can never bribe old Father Time,  
 Gain the height of a peak that he cannot climb,  
 Or trust the hand that hath done a crime.

Man can never backward turn the tide,  
 Or count the stars that are scattered wide,  
 Or find in a fool a trusty guide.

Man cannot reap fruit from worthless seed,  
 Rely for strength on a broken reed,  
 Or gain a heart that he hath caused to bleed.

Man can never hope true peace to win,  
 Pleasure without or joy within,  
 Living a thoughtless life of sin.

## STATE OR NO STATE?

This is now the question for discussion. There are good arguments on both sides. The strongest reasons against it are in brief:

SENATOR INGALLS of Kansas has introduced a bill in Congress to enable New Mexico to become a State. There has not been much agitation of that subject in the Territory, and this appears to be a quiet kind of movement, a private caucus, wherein a few men have talked over and mapped out and determined the future of the people. There has certainly been no general demand for the question on the part of the people or the press of the Territory. There does not seem to be any great necessity for it, and no fervent petition has yet gone up from the masses. It would be better to build a State before we have it. At present our taxes are light, in fact insignificant in comparison with other communities, while life and property are just as secure as in older states. If there is any reason for exchanging this condition of bliss for untold, unalterable, and a certainly burdened future, we do not yet know it. A State means a host of officials supported by taxation, and the vast machinery of Government propelled by the hard work of a limited and in large part poor population. Would not such a burden saddled on the Territory stifle the budding prosperity which is now opening in all branches of industry. Would it be an enticing invitation to capital or a stimulus to enterprise? A State is a governing community and the people rule. The voters dictate in the end and upon their intelligence and capacity depend the prosperity of the State. It would take a very guarded and peculiarly drawn Enabling Act to prevent New Mexico, as a State, from becoming a miserably misgoverned country. It is useless to deny that a strikingly large element of our voting population are now and have been for generations past extremely poor, and with their poverty and dependent condition there has been no great advantages for enlightenment or experience in government. It is no disadvantage to the argument to admit the fact that this large population though poor in property and limited in knowledge are as law abiding and well intentioned as the people of any country. Bring this large element to the surface in the hands of designing politicians as the rulers of the country and the confusion in the laws, the courts and the administration of the courts of justice would be such as to blast the fair prospects of a country naturally rich in all the resources required to make a great State.

The laws would likely be better than the administration of them, but there would be no check in either case. At present Congress is the real legislature for this country. If our Territorial Legislature passes an act inimical to the best interests of the whole country, Congress can step in and check it. These are some of the strongest reasons opposed to a State movement, yet there are equally powerful, if not greater arguments in its favor. Taxation would be increased, but the money would be expended in the State. It would be merely brought out from its hiding places, where it now quietly rests, and caused to circulate for the benefit of the country. Immigration would be increased and politics would be worth the consideration of the intelligent business community. Although the masses of the voters may be poor and ignorant yet they have intelligent and capable leaders and no one man or set of men could control or manipulate these to the disadvantage of the commonwealth. A State would give us standing and independence and a weighty voice in the National councils. It would afford speedy aid to industrial enterprises and regulate and control the vast corporations now existing and being organized as a Territory. It would vastly improve our system of general education and would so entirely revolutionize the country as to secure great benefits to it. The question of a State merits and demands thoughtful and considerate discussion.

Found at last—A boot and shoe shop hangs out the sign "Cast Iron lasts." We all know it does, but we don't want any boots made of it.

Oregon was a new paper called *Polaris*. It will probably turn the cold shoulder to spring poets, and print stories that will probably freeze the blood in the reader's veins.

Best head cheese, sausage, beef and pork at the California meat market. There is the place to get good bargains.

## Foreign and Domestic Coin and Bullion.

New York, Dec. 1, 1881.  
 Bar silver is quoted in London at 41 3/4 per ounce.

The Assay Office received 2,000 pounds of silver on deposit.

The following are the nominal quotations representing the price for other coin:

Trade dollars.	99 1/2	99 1/2
New (112 1/2 grains) dollars.	99 1/2	1 00
American silver halves and quarters.	99 1/2	1 00
American dimes.	99 1/2	1 00
Mexican dollars, sun coins.	88 1/2	89 1/2
Mexican dollars, uncommemorial.	86 1/2	87 1/2
Peruvian and Chilean pesos.	83 1/2	85
English silver.	1 7 1/2	1 8 1/2
Five francs.	5 1/2	5 5/8
Thalers.	48	50
Victorian sovereigns.	4 8 1/2	4 9 1/2
Twenty francs.	2 8 1/2	3 9 1/2
Spanish doubloons.	4 1/2	4 5/8
Mexican doubloons.	15 1/2	15 5/8
Mexican 2-pesos.	19 1/2	19 5/8
Ten guilders.	3 1/2	4 00

Fine silver bars, \$1.12 @ \$1.13 per ounce.

Fine gold bars pay to 1/10 percent premium on the mint value.

## Financial and Commercial.

Prices current of Wholesale Staple Groceries.

LAS VEGAS, DEC. 9, 1881.	
Bacon, clear sides, per lb.	13
" dry salt, per lb.	12
Breakfast, per lb.	12
Hams, per lb.	14 1/2 @ 15
Lard, square cans, per lb.	14 1/2
" tubs, per lb.	14 1/2
" tubs, five lb.	15 1/2
" tubs, three lb.	15 1/2
Beans, California, per lb.	5 1/2
" Lima, per lb.	5 1/2
" white navy, per lb.	5 1/2 @ 5 1/4
Brain, eastern.	1 1/2
Butter, creamery, in tubs.	6 1/2
Butter, creamery, in cans.	6 1/2
Cheese, per lb.	10 1/2 @ 11 1/2
Coffee, Rio de Janeiro, fair 1881, per lb.	15 1/2
" Mocha.	20
" Java.	19
" Arica.	19
Crackers, soda.	4 1/2 @ 4 3/4

## Dried Fruits.

Apples, California.	10
Peaches, California.	12
Maple, per lb.	1 1/2 @ 1 3/4
Flour, extra, per barrel.	11 1/2 @ 12
" Colorado.	11 1/2 @ 12
Honkey, per barrel.	11 1/2
" out, per hundred lbs.	6 1/2
Oil, cottonseed.	24
" carbon 190.	38
" carbon 192.	38
" lard.	1 1/2
Potatoes.	10 1/2
Rice.	8 1/2 @ 9
Sacks, wool.	40 1/2 @ 41 1/2
Salt, per barrel, coarse.	5 00
" fine.	5 00 @ 5 1/2
Sugar, common.	9 1/2 @ 9 3/4
" family.	10 1/2
Sugar, Extra C A.	13 1/2
" granulated.	13 1/2
" crushed 14, cut loaf.	14
" fine powdered.	14 1/2
" yellow.	11 1/2 @ 12 1/2
Syrups, kegs.	13 1/2 @ 14 1/2
" cans, per case 12 1/2.	10 1/2 @ 11 1/2
" 24 1/2.	10 1/2 @ 11 1/2
Tons, Japan.	40 1/2 @ 41 1/2
" Imperial.	50 1/2 @ 51 1/2
" G. F.	50 1/2 @ 51 1/2
" H. F.	50 1/2 @ 51 1/2
" Oolong.	50 1/2 @ 51 1/2
Wire, fence, painted 11, galvanized.	30 1/2
Wire staples.	10
Steel T. English.	20 @ 21
Active trade in classes of goods.	

## WOOL, HIDES AND BELTS.

Wool, common full clip.	12 1/2 @ 13
" medium improved full clip.	13 1/2 @ 14
" well improved full clip.	14 1/2 @ 15
" black, 2 to 3 cents less than white.	
Hides, dry, light.	12 1/2
" damaged.	8 1/2 @ 9
Sheep pelts, prime, butcher.	5 1/2 @ 6
" damaged and saddle.	5 1/2 @ 6
Goat skins, average.	6
Deer skins.	15
Demand moderate, prices firm.	

## Wood and Coal.

Wood and coal for sale in any quantities desired, and delivered to all parts of the city. Leave orders at O. L. Houghton's hardware house. G. C. SMITH, 11-27-tf

## HOT.

Hot Scotch,  
 Hot Irish,  
 Hot Garriwen,  
 Hot Lemonade,  
 Hot Milk Punch,  
 Hot Tom and Jerry,  
 Everything Red Hot at BILLY'S.

The traveling public will find every thing first-class at the Grand View Hotel.

Ye who delight in your griddle cakes call at Roberts & Wheelock's. 12-4-tf

## Try "Billy's Ponies" Cigars, pure Havana.

Glorieta Shoeshop and Barbershop. Opposite the depot, Glorieta, N. M. 12-6-1w J. A. FINCH, Prop.

## Blankets and woolen goods in great variety at

Chas. Hfeld's.

Children's pianos and children's organs, just received by Marcellino, Boffa & Perez. 12-9-0t

## Removal.

J. C. Blake has removed his harness shop from the plaza to Shupp's building, east of the bank. He now has more room to accommodate his largely increased stock and growing business. He employs the best workmen and crav. fill orders for harness, saddles, etc., promptly and satisfactorily. 11-18-tf

## Novelties in cloaks, dolmans, jackets and ulsters at Stern's.

Stern's! Stern's! Stern's!

Three hundred in stock and 300 on the road of the celebrated Wm. Besor & Co., cook and heating stoves. Come and give us a call. MARWEDE, BRUMLEY & Co. 11-19-1mt.

## Six varieties new figs at Cooper's candy factory.

Sutlin's addition.

I think the world of those large pound loaves. They make me think of home-made bread. They all say so. You can find them at the Centre Street Bakery. 12-9-2t

## Millinery and Fancy Goods.

Mrs. S. R. Salsbery has opened a fine line of millinery and fancy goods, corner of Main and Seventh streets, opposite M. A. Otero's residence. Ladies are respectfully invited to call. 12-8-0t.

## Clemm, the wholesale commission man, has just received four car loads of flour, two car loads of potatoes, one of corn, and one of hay. Those buying in large or small quantities should get there.

Venison.

Venison at Hooper's meat market. Five fine, fat fawns just received at that market yesterday.

Hooper Bros. continue to increase their wholesale trade. This house has built up an enviable trade and their fair dealing will continue to hold it. 12-9-1w

Best head cheese, sausage, beef and pork at the California meat market. There is the place to get good bargains. 12-5-1w

## Delmonico Restaurant, of East Las Vegas.

This house has always on hand the best the market affords. Oysters, fish and wild game a specialty. Orders for balls and parties solicited. Bill of fare from ten to thirty per cent. less than the same meals can be had in Chicago or St. Louis, and put up in equally as good style. Call and be convinced. 11-19-1w

Remember that at T. Romero & Son's you will find an immense stock of goods from which to select, and they are selling at bottom prices. 11-6-3t.

Smoke Billy of Las Vegas at BILLY'S.

## Wholesale Liquors.

The finest brands of wines, liquors and cigars can always be found at Heise & Straus's, next door to the GAZETTE office, at the lowest possible prices. They have worked up a large and enviable wholesale trade throughout the Territory and by thus dealing largely can sell at low figures. 11-5-1f.

Buy your groceries at T. Romero & Sons. 11-6-3t.

Smoke Billy's Choice at Billy's.

Sutlin's addition.

The candy factory is now open, and is turning out the finest candy ever shown in this city. Center street, East Las Vegas. W. COOPER, Proprietor.

Fine venison at the California meat market, East Side, Foster & Dames proprietors. 11-27-1f

Full weight and fair count, at the Park Grocery. 7-27-tf

Champagne cocktails 25 cents, at BILLY'S. 7-14-1f

## Furniture.

Lockhart & Co. keep a fine line of furniture of all grades; very superior parlor sets, chairs, etc. 10-5-1f

Geo. J. DINKEL, Cashier, J. S. PISHON, Assistant Cashier.

## Report of the Condition

OF THE

## First National Bank of Las Vegas

NEW MEXICO.

Made to the Comptroller of the Currency, at the close of business, October 1, 1881:

## RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts.	\$30,555 77
U. S. Bonds.	50,000 00
Cash and exchange.	308,901 39
Current expenses.	4,803 11
Banking House.	15,000 00
	\$678,112 27

## LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock.	\$50,000 00
Surplus fund and profits.	25,277 40
Circulation.	45,000 00
Deposits.	557,834 87
	\$678,112 27

DIRECTORS: J. Reynolds, L. P. Browne, Geo. J. Dinkel, C. Blanchard, F. A. Manzanarez.

## Town Lots for Sale in Bernalillo.

The Perea family of Bernalillo, have laid out a large tract of land in that beautiful town, extending north on either side of the railroad. These lots are very desirable for business and residence property, and are right among the vineyards and fruit growing lands. Lands for gardens, orchards and vineyards can be easily obtained. The property will be sold at reasonable rates. For further information apply to J. M. PEREA, Bernalillo, N. M.

## THE CALIFORNIA MEAT MARKET

PROPRIETORS,

J. W. FOSTER & CO.

Choice meats of all kinds, sausage, pudding etc., always on hand. Persons wishing anything in the meat market line should not fail to call at

2d Door South of Adams Express

## TANNERY

AND

## Wool Pulling Establishment,

CHAS. FLEGAL, Prop.

Will tan all kinds of hides. On the river opposite the round house.

LAS VEGAS, - - - NEW MEXICO.

## W. M. H. PAGE, M. D.,

RESIDENT PHYSICIAN

TO LAS VEGAS HOT SPRINGS CO.

Office: No. 23 Bath House.

Graduate of Harvard University; member of the Suffolk District Med. Society, of the Mass. Med. Society and of the American Med. Association.

A practicing physician and surgeon in Boston for the past twenty-eight years, with the exception of about two years spent in Europe for the advancement of professional knowledge, and nearly the same time in the army during the late war.

LATE DISPENSARY PHYSICIAN: Surgeon in the Massachusetts General Hospital; SOLE PHYSICIAN TO NICKERSON'S HOME FOR CHILDREN the past twenty-seven years. The City Physician of Boston, etc., etc.

Also member of the Soc. of Arts of Institute of Technology, of the Massachusetts Historical-Genealogical Society, etc., etc.

Late U. S. Pension Surgeon and frequently selected by the Commissioner to pass upon the more difficult cases occurring in New England.

Often employed as a medical expert in important cases by individuals, Life Ins. Co's., Railroad Co's., the City, the Commonwealth and the United States.

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